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(54) FREQUENCY MODULATION HALFTONE IMAGE AND PREPARATION METHOD THEREFOR

(57) Abstract:

PURPOSE: To provide a halftone screen for which object moire is suppressed to the minimum by obtaining halftone dots by locally randomly processing a decision theoretical frequency modulation screen.

CONSTITUTION: A memory 310 stores original contone image data inputted from a raster image processor 304. In the memory 320, a halftone pixel value 322 as an output value to a recorder 326 is stored. A screen function generator module 340 is provided with a B ayer matrix 342 and a random processing block 344. By the original B ayer matrix 342 and a random processing in the block 344, a random change screen function value 346 is prepared. A comparator 360 compares the prepared screen function value T346 with the corresponding pixel value P312 of the memory 310. Then, depending on whether a P value is larger or smaller than a T value, halftone values H362 to be '1' (block) or '0' (white) respectively are prepared.

